



Representative Peter S. "Pete" Illoway  
Wyoming House of Representatives

Chairman Julius Genachowski:  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps:  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell:  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker:  
Commissioner Mignor Clyburn:

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20544

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I write to you today in support of the AT&T and T-Mobile merger. As a member of Wyoming state legislature, I feel it is important to support efforts like this merger that will positively impact our state by bringing mobile broadband solutions to a significant amount of our rural population.

Having been one of the last many Western states to have statewide broadband deployment, we embrace the economic investment made by AT&T to unfold its mobile broadband networks across our state. Having 4G LTE speeds in urban areas may be commonplace in metropolitan cities, but the ability to use mobile networks for speeds that are the same as a hardwired laptop from your phone or mobile device is an incredible advantage to those in rural Wyoming.

Telemedicine applications can now be used in smaller towns with fewer medical facilities, teachers can enhance their educational resources and tools, ranchers can utilize wireless solutions across far reaching ranges, and small businesses can compete on a larger scale due to increased connectivity. The possibilities are endless.

The options for growth are tremendous at a time when little investment is being put into our expansive geography. We are proud of our wide open spaces, but our residents are in need of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to improve their lives and keep up with the rest of America.

We respectfully ask for your consideration in approving this merger as a way to benefit all of our Wyoming residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pete Illoway", is written over a horizontal line.

Committee: **Peter S. Illoway, Representative**  
*Corporations, Elections  
and Political Subdivisions,  
Chairman*